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| 6 | water composition contains less than 500 mg./l of soluble salts and |
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| 7 | essentially no organic acids.                                       |
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- 1 2. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 1 further 2 comprising a soluble food grade color.
- 1 3. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 2, wherein 2 the soluble food grade color acts as an indicator of an amount of the water soluble 3 indigestible fiber contained in the water composition.
  - 4. (Once Amended) The water composition Claim 1, wherein the water soluble indigestible fiber is selected from the group consisting of plant mucilage, plant gums, dextrins, maltodextrins, galactomannans, arabanogalactans, beta glucans, cellulose ethers, pectins, pectic material, water-soluble hemicellulose, inulin, alginates, agar, carrageenan, psyllium, guar gum, gum traganth, gum karya, gum ghatti, gum acacia, gum arabic, partially hydrolyzed products thereof and mixtures thereof.
- 1 5. (Twice Amended) The water composition Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble indigestible fiber and water form an optically clear solution.

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| 1  | 6. (Twice Amended) A water composition for consumption by                   |
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| 2  | humans and animals comprising:  |
| 3  | between 0.1% and 10% by weight water-soluble indigestible fiber selected    |
| 4  | from the group consisting of dextrins, maltodextrins                        |
| 5  | galactomannans, cellulose ethers, inulin, alginates, agar                   |
| 6  | carrageenan, psyllium, guar gum, gum traganth, gum karya, gun               |
| 7  | ghatti, gum acacia, gum arabic, partially hydrolyzed product                |
| 8  | thereof and mixtures thereof; and   |
| 9  | safe water, wherein the water and the water-soluble indigestible fiber form |
| 10 | an optically clear solution, wherein fewer than 10 calories per 100         |
| 11 | ml are metabolized by a human when consuming the wate                       |
| 12 | composition and wherein the water composition contains                      |
| 13 | nutritionally insignificant amount of soluble minerals and                  |
| 14 | essentially no organic acids.   |

- 7. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 6 further comprising a soluble food grade color.
- 8. (Once Amended) The water composition Claim 7, wherein the soluble food grade color acts as an indicator of an amount of the water soluble indigestible fiber contained in the water composition.





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| 1. | 9. (Twice Amended) A water composition for consumption by                   |
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| 2  | humans and animals comprising:  |
| 3  | between 0.1% and 10% by weight water soluble indigestible fiber selected    |
| 4  | from the group consisting of dextrins, maltodextrins, inulin, guar          |
| 5  | gum, partially hydrolyzed products thereof and mixtures thereof;            |
| 6  | and   |
| 7  | safe water, wherein the water and the water soluble indigestible fiber form |
| 8. | an optically clear solution, wherein fewer than 10 calories per 100         |
| 9  | ml are metabolized by a human when consuming the water                      |
| 10 | composition and wherein the water composition contains a                    |
| 11 | nutritionally insignificant amount of soluble minerals and                  |
| 12 | essentially no organic acids.   |
|    |   |
| 1  | 10. (Once Amended) The water composition Claim 9 further                    |
| 2  | comprising a soluble food grade color.                                      |
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| 1  | 11 (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 10, wherein                |

the soluble food grade color acts as an indicator of an amount of the water soluble

indigestible fiber contained in the water composition.

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| 1 | 12. | (Once Amended) | The water composition of Claim 1, wherein |
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- 2 said water-soluble fiber is selected to satisfy simultaneously both hydration requirements
- 3 and fiber requirements when consumed.
- 1 13. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 1, wherein
- 2 addition of said water-soluble fiber does not alter clarity of the water composition.
- 1 14. (Once Amended) The water composition Claim 1 formulated
- 2 for managing constipation.
- 1 15. (Once Amended) A method of managing bowel regularity 2 comprising the step of ingesting a quantity of the water composition of Claim 1.
- 1 16. (Once Amended) A method of managing hemorrhoids
- 2 comprising the step of ingesting a quantity of the water composition of Claim 1.
- 1 (Once Amended) A method of avoiding assimilation of toxic
- 2 bowel compounds comprising the step of ingesting a quantity of the water composition of
- 3 Claim 1.
- 1 18. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 1
- 2 formulated for management of diabetes.



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| 1 |                | 19.      | (Once Amended)          | The      | water    | composition     | of    | Claim      | 1   |
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| 2 | formulated for | or mana  | gement of obesity.      |          |          |                 |       |            |     |
|   |                |          |                         |          |          |                 |       |            |     |
| 1 |                | 20.      | (Once Amended)          | The      | water    | composition     | of    | Claim      | 1   |
| 2 | formulated for | or appet | ite suppression.        |          |          |                 |       |            |     |
|   |                |          |                         |          |          |                 |       |            |     |
| 1 |                | 21.      | (Once Amended)          | The      | water    | composition     | of    | Claim      | 1   |
| 2 | formulated for | or lowe  | ring serum cholesterol  | levels.  |          |                 |       |            |     |
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| 1 |                | 22.      | (Once Amended)          | The      | water co | mposition of C  | Claim | 2, where   | ein |
| 2 | the soluble    | food g   | grade color acts as a   | an indi  | cator of | a type of th    | ie wa | ater-solul | ble |
| 3 | indigestible   | fiber co | ntained in the water co | mpositi  | on.      |                 |       |            |     |
|   |                |          |                         |          |          |                 |       |            |     |
| 1 |                | 23.      | (Once Amended)          | The      | water co | mposition of C  | Claim | 6, where   | ein |
| 2 | the water-lik  | e fluid  | contains fewer than 50  | 0 mg./l  | of solub | le salts.       |       |            |     |
|   |                |          |                         |          |          |                 |       |            |     |
| 1 |                | 24.      | (Once Amended)          | The      | water co | mposition of C  | Claim | 6, where   | ein |
| 2 | said water-s   | oluble   | fiber is selected to s  | atisfy l | ooth hy  | dration require | ment  | s and fil  | ber |

- 1 25. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 6, wherein
- 2 addition of said water-soluble fiber does not alter clarity of the water composition.

requirements when consumed.

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| 1        |                | 26.     | (Once Amended)          | The      | water     | composition       | of     | Claim      | 6          |
|----------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| 2        | formulated for | or mana | iging constipation.     |          |           |                   |        |            |            |
| 1        |                | 27.     | (Once Amended)          | A m      | ethod o   | f managing b      | owel   | regulari   | ity        |
| <b>2</b> | comprising the | he step | of ingesting a quantity | of the v | vater coi | mposition of Cl   | aim (  | <b>5</b> . |            |
| 1        |                | 28.     | (Once Amended)          | A n      | nethod    | of managing       | g h    | emorrhoi   | ds         |
| 2        | comprising the | he step | of ingesting a quantity | of the v | vater co  | mposition of Cl   | aim (  | 5.         |            |
| 1        | ?              | 29.     | (Once Amended)          | A me     | ethod of  | avoiding assin    | nilati | on of tox  | κic        |
| 2        | bowel compo    | ounds c | omprising the step of i | ngesting | g a quan  | tity of the water | r com  | position   | oi         |
| 3        | Claim 6.       |         |                         |          | ,         |                   |        |            |            |
| 1        |                | 30.     | (Once Amended)          | The      | water     | composition       | of     | Claim      | 6          |
| 2        | formulated for | or mana | agement of diabetes.    |          |           |                   |        |            |            |
| 1        |                | 31.     | (Once Amended)          | The      | water     | composition       | of     | Claim      | $\epsilon$ |
| 2        | formulated for | or appe | tite suppression.       |          |           |                   |        |            |            |
| 1        |                | 32.     | (Once Amended)          | The      | water     | composition       | of     | Claim      | ć          |

formulated for management of obesity.

| 1 | 33   | 3.     | (Once Amended)           | The     | water     | composition      | of      | Claim     | 6   |
|---|--|--------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| 2 | formulated for lo  | weri   | ng serum cholesterol l   | evels.  |           |                  |         |           |     |
|   |  |        |                          |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
| 1 | 34   | 4.     | (Once Amended)           | The v   | water cor | nposition of C   | laim [  | 10, where | ein |
| 2 | the soluble foo  | d gr   | ade color acts as a      | n indi  | cator of  | a type of th     | e wa    | ater-solu | ble |
| 3 | indigestible fiber   | cont   | ained in the water cor   | npositi | on.       |                  |         |           |     |
|   |  |        |                          |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
| 1 | 33   | 5.     | (Once Amended)           | A w     | ater con  | nposition for    | const   | ımption   | by  |
| 2 | humans and anin  | nals o | comprising:              |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
| 3 | bo   | etwee  | en 0.1% and 10% by v     | veight  | water-so  | luble indigestil | ole fib | er; and   |     |
| 4 | Sa   | afe w  | ater, wherein fewer th   | an 10   | calories  | per 100 ml is i  | netab   | olized b  | уа  |
| 5 |  |        | human when consur        | ning tl | ne water  | composition      | and v   | vherein   | the |
| 6 | water composition contains a nutritionally insignificant amount of |        |                          |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
| 7 |  |        | soluble minerals and     | essent  | ially no  | organic acids.   |         |           |     |
|   | •  |        |                          |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
| 1 | 30   | 6.     | (Once Amended)           | The     | water co  | mposition of C   | laim :  | 35, wher  | ein |
| 2 | said water-solub   | le fib | er is selected to satisf | fy simı | ıltaneoys | sly both hydrat  | ion re  | quireme   | nts |
| 3 | and fiber require  | ment   | s when consumed.         |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
|   |  |        |                          |         |           |                  |         |           |     |
| 1 | 3  | 7.     | (Once Amended)           | The     | water co  | mposition of C   | laim .  | 35, wher  | ein |

addition of said water-soluble fiber does not alter clarity of the water composition.

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| 1 |                | 38.       | (Once Amended)           | The    | water     | composi      | tion o  | f Claim     | 35     |
|---|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------|
| 2 | formulated for | or mana   | gement of constipation   | •      |           |              |         |             |        |
| 1 |                | 39.       | (Once Amended)           | A 1    | method o  | of manag     | ing bov | wel regul   | larity |
| 2 | comprising th  | ne step o | of ingesting a quantity  | of the | water co  | mposition    | of Clai | m 35.       |        |
|   |                |           | ·                        |        |           |              |         |             |        |
| 1 |                | 40.       | (Once Amended)           | A      | method    | of ma        | naging  | hemorrh     | noids  |
| 2 | comprising th  | ne step o | of ingesting a quantity  | of the | water co  | mposition    | of Clai | m 35.       |        |
|   |                |           |                          |        |           |              |         |             |        |
| 1 | ,              | 41.       | (Once Amended)           | A n    | nethod of | f avoiding   | assimi  | lation of   | toxic  |
| 2 | bowel compo    | ounds co  | omprising the step of in | gesti  | ng a quar | ntity of the | water o | composition | on of  |
| 3 | Claim 35.      |           |                          |        |           |              |         |             |        |
|   |                |           |                          |        |           |              |         |             |        |
| 1 | •              | 42.       | (Once Amended)           | The    | water     | composi      | tion o  | f Claim     | 35     |
| 2 | formulated for | or mana   | gement of diabetes.      |        |           |              |         |             |        |
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1 44. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 35

The water composition of Claim 35

2 formulated for appetite suppression.

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1 45. (Once Amended) The water composition of Claim 35

2 formulated for lowering serum cholesterol levels.

